Newborn and Well Baby Visits in ICD-10-CM

2
Days Remaining to ICD-10 Conversion
As of 9/29/2015

With the 1 October 2015 ICD-10 compliance date a few days away, it is important to brush up on the ICD-10-CM codes and changes that come along with the transition. Checking the AHLTA mapping for templates on 1 October 2015 will be vital in ensuring the correct codes are being used. ICD-10-CM brings changes all around, and specifically brings a change to well-baby/child visits by creating two different codes. Well-babies and children are extremely important to the MHS, so it is crucial to ensure the correct ICD-10-CM code is used. One code deals with abnormal findings, and one is without abnormal findings. Simply listing a finding, such as a dimple or nevi, would not make it abnormal. If the documentation does not indicate any findings as being abnormal, then the diagnosis code Z00.129 without abnormal findings should be used.

Z00.121 Encounter for routine child health examination **with** abnormal findings

Z00.129 Encounter for routine child health examination **without** abnormal findings

CPT (Current Procedural Terminology)/E&M (Evaluation and Management) coding does not change with ICD-10-CM. If there is a secondary issue that takes significant time to address and is supported by the documentation, the E&M should be coded for the well-baby/child visit in the first E&M field. In the second E&M field, code the office visit E&M (e.g. 9921x) for the second issue with modifier '25.' If the abnormal finding(s) does not take significant time to address, then just the E&M 9938x or 9939x code is used.

The newborn exams for fewer than 28 days old are not divided into 'with' and 'without' abnormal findings, so a second code will not need to be added to the template.

Z00.100 Health examination for newborn under 8 days old

Z00.111 Health examination for newborn 8 to 28 days old

ICD-10-CM will start all newborns after 1 October with a well-structured and robust health care record that should provide more detailed history over the life of these individuals.

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Upcoming Events

Brushing Up on ICD-10: A Refresher Workshop
November 2 – November 3
Chicago, IL
http://www.ahima.org/events/2015nov-icd10refresher-chicago1

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM Trainers: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis Coding
November 9 – November 10
Chicago, IL
https://www.aapc.com/icd-10/coder-icd-10-training.aspx

ICD-10 Documentation Training for Physicians
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